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### Investment update

For the latest news about PSSap investment performance, see our new quarterly investment report – [Review](#), or visit the [PSSap monthly investment performance online](#).

### From the CEO – the year in focus

The year has been an extremely difficult year for financial markets, super funds and for you as a super fund member. Fortunately over the last six months we've seen some encouraging signs with stronger investment performance but there's still some uncertainty.



Throughout the year we remained focused on our investment strategy, which allows for these types of fluctuations and ultimately delivers competitive long term returns. Our commitment to our members' best interests has driven us to incorporate risk management into all aspects of our operation and to continue to keep investment governance top of mind.

Looking forward, we cannot predict how markets will perform, but we can work with our members on a partnership relationship. So while we continue to focus on what we do, we encourage you to get involved with your super. A simple first step is to take a look at your [2008/09 annual member statement](#) and [annual report](#).

Finally we would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Want more information:

- > Watch ARIA CEO Lochiel Crafter on [EVO TV](#)
- > Read about Lochiel's view on [risk management](#)

### Check out the new PSSap website

We're always looking for ways to make our websites better. In October, we launched the new-look PSSap website with an improved design and simple layout, making it easier for you to use.

You'll have no trouble finding the information you're after – our new site features user friendly tools including a quick links section on the homepage with links to our most popular web pages. Take a look at the new site – go to [www.pssap.gov.au](http://www.pssap.gov.au).

### Are you investing in the sustainable option? We've made some changes.

In November, our **sustainable option** service provider became Vanguard via their Sustainable Leaders Fund.

What does this mean? You don't have to do anything - your super is invested in the **sustainable option** via Vanguard's Sustainable Leaders Fund.

Go to our website to find out more about how the [sustainable option](#) is invested.

## Government announcement on changes to superannuation administration

On 26 November 2009, the Hon Lindsay Tanner MP Minister for Finance and Deregulation, issued a [media release](#), announcing reforms for the administration arrangements of Australian Government superannuation schemes.

This announcement follows a comprehensive review of the scheme's administration arrangements, including long-term IT requirements.

One outcome of the review is that the PSSap's administration will be outsourced by 30 June 2011. This will not impact your member benefits or entitlements and does not affect administration of the PSS and CSS.

### What does this mean for you?

Your PSSap investment and benefits aren't affected.

We'll keep you up to date in future issues of **Aspire** - for more information, see the [media release](#) from the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

## PSSap receives SuperRatings platinum rating for 2010

We're pleased to let you know the PSSap has been awarded a platinum rating for the fourth year running in this year's SuperRatings (an independent ratings agency) survey. This means we're helping you save for your future, by offering a well balanced super fund that's the best value for money.

This year, SuperRatings examined over 350 of Australia's super funds looking at administration, fund governance, investments, advice and member education. They found that overall, the PSSap rates within the top 15% of the funds rated for this award, so you can be sure you're in a competitive super fund.

### Want to find out more?

Read the [SuperRatings Fundamentals](#) PSSap profile.

## Making sure you're connected

Have you received your member statement in the mail? If you haven't, you may need to update your contact details with us.

We've made it easy to stay in touch - all you need to do is log in to **your account** and update your contact details.

You'll need an access number to use this service. If you don't have one, or you've misplaced it, call us on **1300 725 171** and we can give you one over the phone.

## Christmas greetings and holiday closures

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

PSSap unit pricing and investment switches will operate on business days in the holiday period.

The contact centre will be closed between 25 December 2009 and 3 January 2010.

## At Work for You wrap up

It's been a busy year for our At Work for You team. Our Member Education team has been on the road presenting public and in-house workshops all around Australia, seeing more than 8,500 members.

The team will continue their great work in the new year - you can check out the 2010 public workshop schedule in January at [http://www.pssap.gov.au/learning\\_centre/workshops.html](http://www.pssap.gov.au/learning_centre/workshops.html).

If you'd like to learn more about your super, ask your HR department to organise a workshop - just call **02 6263 6999** for more information.

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